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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROVIDES \$ 28,275.00 TO THE SENATH MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Greg Branum, the Missouri State Director of USDA Rural Development, presented Senath Municipal Improvement Corporation with a \$28,275 Mock Check on Monday, January 9, 2006. The funds will be used to pave the parking lot around the community fire station to be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act regulations.

U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson said, "Keeping the facilities of our first responders accessible and in top condition is part of maximizing their function in our communities. Public safety depends on the condition of the equipment, vehicles, and buildings used by our firefighters and first responders. It is important that this need be addressed in Senath, and I appreciate USDA Rural Development's involvement in funding this opportunity."



1<sup>st</sup> row: Mitzi Dell; Cindy Northern, Area Specialist; Tresa Webb, RD Manager; Billy Anderson, President Senath Municipal Improvement Corp.; Greg Branum, State Director, RD; and Kent Montgomery, Fire Chief  
2<sup>nd</sup> row: Terry Luetkemeyer, Area Director, RD; and Art Cole, Representing State Representative Terry Swinger

"I would like to personally thank everyone involved in this project," Branum said. "Financing essential services in support of a community is consistent with USDA Rural Development's mission and President Bush's commitment to the future of rural communities."

"On behalf of the Senath Municipal Improvement Corporation, we are grateful for the funding assistance to complete our Fire Station for the availability of our community residents. This is such an enhancement for our city to comply with our handicapped residents and those who need special assistance when a disaster occurs and we need to put them in a safe zone. Thanks to USDA Rural Development and the Kennett office for their assistance on this project", stated Mayor Bill Anderson, City of Senath.

Branum added, "Special thanks are extended to our federal elected officials including U.S. Senators "Kit" Bond and Jim Talent plus U.S. Representative Jo Ann Emerson for making available federal monies for funding this kind of project.

**Anyone interested in obtaining regarding assistance available through USDA Rural Development may visit the homepage at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo/> or can contact Tresia Webb, Rural Development Manager, at the Kennett Local Office of USDA Rural Development at 704 North Bypass, Kennett, MO 63857 or by calling 573-888-6664.**

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